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price, and in order to make up the deficit in this Province that cement manufactured elsewhere which was sold at the same rate throughout this country should be imported into this Province? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Cement manufactured elsewhere was not available for import and, therefore, we had to agree to the import of Pakistan cement at a higher rate."

Officers of the Industries Department deputed for foreign studies.

* 54 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(*a*) the names of officers of the Department of Industries who were deputed for foreign studies and the subjects in which they specialized;

(*b*) whether any or all of them have returned after completing their studies;

(*c*) the posts they were holding before deputation and the posts they are holding after their return from foreign studies;

(*d*) whether there is a proposal to send another batch of officers for studies abroad;

(*e*) whether the officers chosen will be those already chosen but have not proceeded or whether it is proposed to prepare a fresh up-to-date list; and

(*f*) whether any change is proposed in the scheme of foreign studies and if so, what the revised scheme is?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) All the officers excepting two, viz., Sri Y. Nayudamma and Sri A. N. Raju have returned after completing their studies.

" (*c*) This information is furnished in the statement placed on the table of the House with reference to clause (*a*) of the question.

" (*d*) Yes. But it is not proposed to depute any officer from the Industries Department.

" (*e*) It is proposed to prepare a fresh list. But it is not proposed to select any officer from the Industries Department.

" (*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*e*) of the Council Question No. 6 answered on 24th June 1949."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the Hydrogenation Factory at Kozhikode is now under process of construction? "

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If so, why is an officer who was specially sent to specialise in vegetable oil hydrogenation made to rot as a District Industries Officer instead of taking charge of the factory now under construction? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I believe it is intended to utilise that officer at a later stage if he has not already been appointed."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not advantageous if the officer who has been trained for this purpose is employed for this work? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I believe that somebody has already been posted. However, the suggestion of the hon. Member is very good and will be communicated to the Director of Industries to see what can be done in the matter."

Confirmation of gazetted officers.

* 55 *Q.*—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gazetted officers in the Province that are awaiting confirmation after completing their probation in the various departments;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that after the 15th August 1947, when India attained Independence, no Government servant in the gazetted rank in the Province has been confirmed even after completion of probation;

(*c*) if so, why; and

(*d*) what the number of such officers awaiting confirmation is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) & (*d*) The Government have no information and they consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of the information will not be commensurate with any public interest served.

" (*b*) No. Many such Government servants have been confirmed.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Cannot the Government give this House an idea of how many Gazetted Officers have not been confirmed after the 15th August 1947? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is exactly what the Government consider as waste of time and not worth while."